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1. AMBASSADOR TOLD RESEARCH MINISTER SUMITRO MARCH 10 OF VISA AND SHIP CLEARANCE PROCESSING DIFFICULTIES WITH CONSEQUENT POSSIBILITY EXPEDITION MIGHT BYPASS INDONESIA. SUMITRO NOW TAKING PERSONAL INTEREST. PROCESSING SEEMS TO BE ACCELERATING.

2. LIPI CHIEF BUREAU INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MISS ACHMAD INFORMED HARRIS MARCH 11 THAT IMMIGRATION HAS NOW APPROVED VISA ISSUANCE FOR REMAINING 12 EXPEDITION MEMBERS AND TELEGRAPHED THIS APPROVAL, DESPITE FACT SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESSING NOT YET COMPLETED ON FOUR MEMBERS.

3. CONTRARY TO WHAT EMBASSY WAS TOLD LAST WEEK SHIP CLEARANCE PAPERS HAD BEEN IN CORRECT HANKAM OFFICES AND THEY NOW APPROVED BY G-1 AND G-2. ONLY SURTA ABRI (ARMED FORCES MAPPING AND SURVEY) CLEARANCE NOW NEEDED. LIPI AND EMBASSY PRESSING THIS. PROBABLE CLEARANCE WILL COME
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THROUGH IN SEVERAL DAYS.

4. LIPI HOPEFUL EXPEDITION IN INDONESIAN WATERS WILL
NOT BE CANCELLED.
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